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IN RE APPLICATION OF

BLAIR ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 09/876,680

FILED: JUNE 7, 2001

FOR: HIV-1 REPORTER VIRUSES AND THEIR USE IN ASSAYING ANTI-

VIRAL COMPOUNDS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of November 28, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on February 28, 2004. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in the amount of \$950 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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